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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 10, 2006, the period for response having been extended to May 10, 2006, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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